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LINCOLNWOOD READS IS BACK:

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LINCOLNWOOD
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REGISTRATION & EVENT INFORMATION
Please visit lincolnwoodlibrary.org, call (847) 677-5277, or stop by to register.

[R] REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Registrants DO NOT need a Lincolnwood Library card to attend.

[C] REGISTRATION REQUIRED WITH LINCOLNWOOD CARD
Registrants DO need a Lincolnwood Library card to attend.

[D] DROP-IN
Everyone is welcome to attend, but supplies and space may be limited.

[H] HYBRID
Registrants can choose to visit in person or attend live online via Zoom. New members should register with their email address to receive the Zoom information.

[Z] VIRTUAL ON ZOOM
These programs are offered using Zoom and will be live at their scheduled time. Please include your email address in your registration to receive instructions on how to join the Zoom event.

🍴 ALLERGEN ALERT
These programs include food or snacks. Certain items may contain or come into contact with wheat, eggs, nuts, and milk.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Do you ever pause and notice what an astonishing age we are living through? Almost everyone has their own electronic devices, streaming has become the norm, and the variety and convenience available to us is genuinely amazing. I love going on Spotify and listening to old favorites and the very newest music. And if I wake up at night, I might listen to a book about Queen Elizabeth, which has the perfect balance of being kind of interesting but not at all exciting, so I can fall back to sleep. That's just one streaming channel.

But I also remember back when we were all watching the same shows at the same time and talking about them the next day. Who can forget watching *Twin Peaks* as it unfolded in its eerie way week by week, and then speculating with friends and family about what the heck just happened? Movies, music, books—all of them were limited and generated lots of conversation.

We have lost some of that these days, while enjoying our movies, music, and books through earbuds at different times. But as our many book club members know, getting together and talking about the same book at the same time is still just as fun as it ever was. I'm so impressed when I walk by the program room on a Monday morning where some 15 people are gathered in person and another 8 or so are participating through Zoom, and they are so lively and engaged! They don't all love the same books, but they do love coming together and talking and listening to each other. Our longstanding Books in the Woods group is equally enthusiastic.

So that's one of the ways the library provides opportunities for gathering and talking. Our Monday Movie Matinee, our writing and other groups are all ways to meet up and talk about common interests. Here's another:

Each year, the library staff chooses a book that the whole community can read together in a series of programs we call Lincolnwood Reads. I invite you all to take a look at the center spread of the newsletter to hear more about this year's book is and about the many interesting, thought-provoking programs that go along with it. We'll get a chance to talk via Zoom with the author to learn more about how the book came to be, and we will have opportunities to gather in person at other times. We do this each year because it gives people who haven't joined a book group or don't have a lot of time for reading the chance to still enjoy sharing their thoughts about one book that many have read during the same period.

I really enjoyed this year's book, which happens to begin with a book group, and I look forward to talking with you about it!

Susan Dove Lempke

SUSAN DOVE LEMPKE
Director of the Lincolnwood Public Library District

FAMILY EVENTS ARE FOR KIDS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS TO ENJOY TOGETHER. ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY FOR THE PROGRAM

DONUT STORYTIME

Ages 0–10

Sat, Feb 14, Mar 7 • 10:30–11am • [R]

Begin your day with songs, stories, and donuts kindly provided by Schlegl's Bakery.

TOTAL-T MAGIC

All Ages

Sun, Feb 15 • 2–3pm • [R]

Magic, comedy, balloon art, and more! — Total-T Magic by Terrence Hunter is fun kids and family entertainment.

FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

Ages 5+

Thu, Feb 19, Mar 19 • 6–7pm • [R]

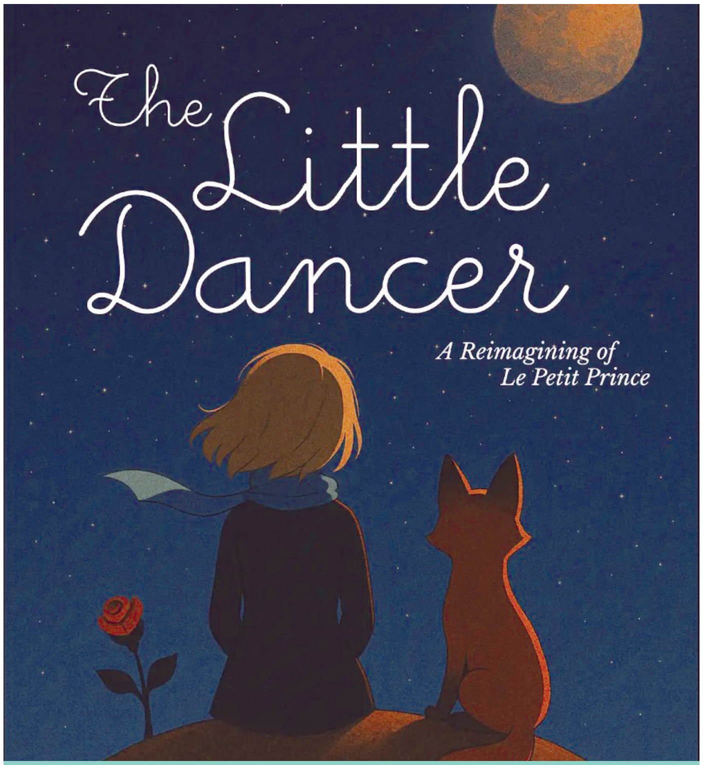
Create beautiful masterpieces together using step-by-step painting. Please register each family member that will be attending.

MASTERPIECE STORYTIME

Ages 0–10

Wed, Mar 25 • 6:30–7:15pm • [D]

All ages are welcome to this cozy, classic storytime. Snuggle up as we read aloud picture book masterpieces. March books: *Rapunzel, Ada Twist, Scientist, Not All Princesses Dress in Pink*


The Little Dancer
A Reimagining of Le Petit Prince

THE LITTLE DANCER: A REIMAGINING OF LE PETIT PRINCE

All Ages

Sun, Mar 15 • 3–4pm • [R]

Celebrate Evanston Dance Ensemble's 15th Anniversary of their Ede2 company with an original dance production, *"The Little Dancer: A Reimagining of Le Petit Prince,"* written by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. This production follows the story of a pilot marooned in the desert when they meet the mysterious stranger who traveled to Earth from a faraway asteroid in search of the meaning of connection and friendship. This family-friendly show features an eccentric cast of characters such as space royalty, a talking rose, and a friendly fox, who all teach The Little Dancer unique lessons on becoming a good person and how to care for others.

MUSICAL BINGO: DISNEY EDITION!

Ages 5+

Mon, Mar 30 • 6:30–8pm • [R]

Step into the magic with Musical Bingo: Disney Edition! Match your bingo card to iconic Disney songs, win fun prizes, and enjoy a whimsical, music-filled event that's great for families, friends, and Disney lovers of all ages.

BABIES - PRESCHOOLERS

To keep storytimes allergen-free, food is not allowed. Please enjoy your snacks before or after the program in our cafe area only.

BOOK BABIES

Ages 0–18 months with caregiver

Mondays • 9:30–10am • [D]

Play and learn with your baby during this interactive lap-sit using rhymes, songs, board books, puppets, and more!

FAMILY STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Tuesdays • 10–10:30am • [D]

Read stories, sing songs, and play games at this all-ages storytime.

MUSICAL STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Wednesdays • 9:30–10:15am • [D]

Sing and dance along at this musical storytime led by Michael's Music Machine. Tickets are required for this program; see our website for details.

TALES AND TUNES FOR TODDLERS

Ages 18 months–3 years

Thursdays • 10–10:30am • [D]

This active storytime features stories, musical movement, and games for 18 to 36 month olds with a caregiver.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Fridays • 10–11am • [D]

Bring your little ones to this fun, weekly playgroup and connect with other caregivers. On 2/20 and 3/20, come first for kiddy yoga led by Keyla Ortiz, certified yoga instructor, and stay to play after.

SUNDAY STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Sun, Feb 8 • 3:30–4pm • [D]

Read stories, sing songs, and more! Aimed at kids under 5, but older siblings are welcome to join the fun, too.

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Thu, Feb 12, Mar 12 • 6:15–6:45pm • [D]

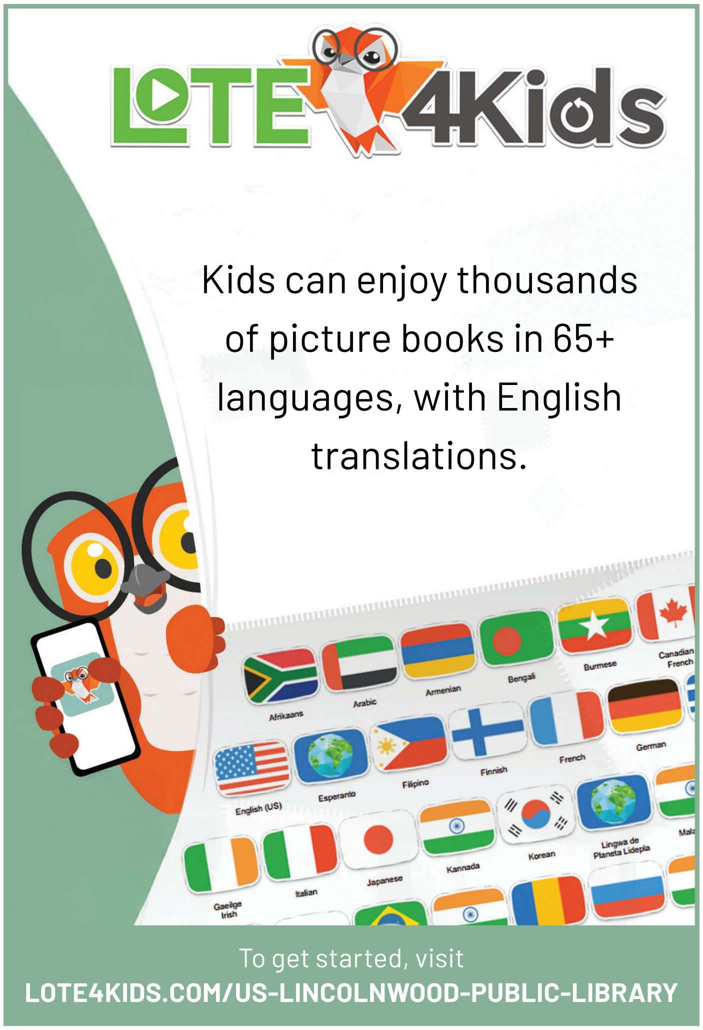
Wind down and get cozy with some bedtime stories. Feel free to wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal!

SATURDAY STORIES AND PLAYTIME

Ages 0–5 with caregiver

Sat, Feb 21, Mar 21 • 10–10:45am • [D]

Kick off the weekend with a special Saturday storytime, followed by open playtime with the library's collection of toys.



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GRADES K-5

READING TO THE DOGS

Grades K–5

Mon, Feb 2, Mar 2 • 6–7pm • [R]

Build reading skills by reading next to trained dogs from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy. Participants will receive at least 15 minutes of personal reading time with a dog.

LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB: CHALLENGES

Grades 1–5

Wed, Feb 4, Mar 4 • 4:30–5:15pm • [R]

Experiment and grow your critical thinking, coding, and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics. Take on a new challenge each month.

LOVE
BE MINE
SOUL MATE
BFF
XOXO
CUTIE
BE MINE

CLAY CONVERSATION HEARTS

Grades 2–5

Thu, Feb 5 • 6–7pm • [R]

Sculpt and paint jumbo conversation hearts. Give to your Valentine or keep for yourself!

YES, AND!

Grades 1–5

Mon, Feb 9, Mar 9 • 4–4:45pm • [R]

You be the storyteller! Come and play improv games in this fun acting program for kids.

STEAM: EXPLORATION STATION: SNOW SLIME!

Grades K–5

Wed, Feb 11 • 4:30–5:15pm • [R]

Create some snow slime that feels cool to the touch!

INDOOR SNOWBALL FIGHT!

Grades K–5

Mon, Feb 16 • 11–11:45am • [R]

Build a base camp and have a snowball fight indoors!

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KID CREATIVES

Grades 3–5

Wed, Feb 18, Mar 18 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Join us for upper elementary-focused arts and crafts each month.
Feb: Beginner Origami.
Mar: Handmade Bookmarks

Pikachu V
Eevee V
Cinderace V

POKÉMON BATTLE ACADEMY

Grades K–5

Mon, Feb 23, Mar 23 • 4–4:45pm • [D]

Learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card game! (You do not need to have your own cards to come and play)

CHECKMATES! CHESS CLUB

Grades K–5

Thu, Feb 26, Mar 26 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Develop your chess game with experienced instructor Chris Christmas. All skill levels are welcome!

LEGO CLUB

Grades K–5

Sat, Feb 28, Mar 28 • 10–11am • [D]

Create your own LEGO or Duplo masterpiece with the Library's collection of bricks.

PUFFY PAINT RAINBOWS

Grades K–5

Tue, Mar 3 • 3:45–4:45pm • [R]

Puffy Paint is back! Make your own puffy paint, then use it to paint a rainbow (and maybe a pot of gold).

STEAM: EXPLORATION STATION: MAKEY, MAKEY, DANCE, DANCE REVOLUTION!

Grades K–5

Wed, Mar 11 • 4:30–5:15pm • [R]

Using circuitry and coding, create your own Dance, Dance Revolution board; then, show us your best dance moves!

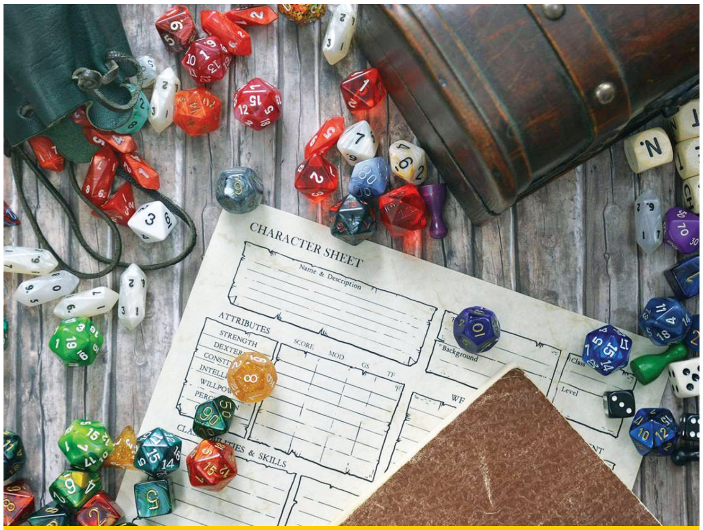
STEAM DROP-IN: MINIFIG VOLCANO!

Grades K–5

Tue, Mar 31 • 2–2:45pm • [D]

Create a city with a volcano at the center. See if you can direct the flow of lava away from your minifigs.

GRADES 6-8



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WITH DUNGEON MASTER GREASE

Grades 6–8

Sun, Mar 22 • 1:15–4:45pm • [D]

Interested in playing Dungeons & Dragons? Come and learn the best way—by playing. Newbs and seasoned adventurers alike are welcome. Dice, character sheets, and snacks provided.

GRADES 9–12

TEEN BOOK BOXES

Grades 9–12

Sun, Feb 1–Sun, Feb 15 • [C]

Teen Book Boxes are free subscription box–style treats for teen bibliophiles! Each customized box contains a selected library book and other goodies to keep. Sign up between February 1 and 15, and we'll contact you when your Book Box is ready for pickup. For Lincolnwood Library cardholders only. You must complete the accompanying book survey to receive your box.

GRADES 6–12

TEEN CREATIVES

Grades 6–12

Mon, Feb 16, Mon, Mar 9 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Join us for teen-focused arts and crafts each month.
Feb: Beginner Origami
Mar: Handmade Bookmarks

INTERNATIONAL SNACK EXPLORATION

Grades 6–12

Wed, Feb 18, Tue, Mar 10 • 4:15–5pm • [R] 🍴

Taste and rank snacks from around the world and learn about a new country each month while you munch on unique foods!

ANIME CLUB: MOVIE EDITION

Grades 6–12

Sat, Feb 21 • 2–4pm • [R] 🍴

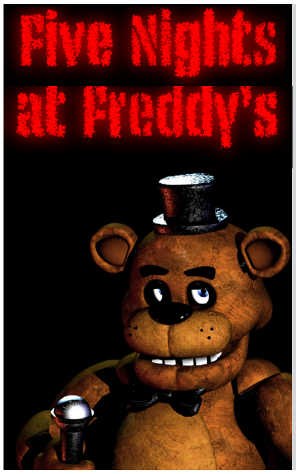
Watch anime, draw manga, and enjoy snacks at our Anime Club. This month: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG)

TEEN TWEEN YOGA

Grades 6–12

Tue, Feb 24, Mar 24 • 7–8pm • [D]

Take a break, stretch it out, and recharge! Join us for a relaxed yoga session designed for tweens and teens of all skill levels. We'll focus on movement, breathing, and mindfulness to help you unwind after a busy day. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Mats provided.



AFTER HOURS ESCAPE ROOM: FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

Grades 6–12

Fri, Mar 20 • 6–8pm • [R] 🍴

Sign up to receive a time slot to get "locked" into Freddy Fazbear's Pizza. Can you earn your check and escape from the haunted animatronics before you're trapped there forever? Pizza and snacks will be served!

Lincolnwood Library is proud to be part of **Illinois Libraries Present**, a statewide collaboration of over 200 public libraries offering premier events for participating member libraries of all sizes and budgets. These events connect communities and audiences across the state through shared event experiences.

Enjoy these live, virtual events from the comfort of your home.

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THE GRAVEYARD CLUB
CAROLA BORELLI
FRANCESCO SEGALA
REVENGE GAME
FEAR STREET
R·L·STINE
The New Girl

STILL AFRAID OF THE DARK: AN EVENING WITH R.L. STINE

Tue, Feb 24 • 7–8pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

Witty, creepy, and compulsively readable, bestselling author R.L. Stine defined horror for a generation of young readers. The generation that grew up with the *Goosebumps* franchise may be grown, but Stine keeps finding ways to keep us afraid of the dark! Join us with *The Guinness Book of World Records'* "most prolific author of children's horror novels," R.L. Stine, to discuss his illustrious and still-expanding body of work.

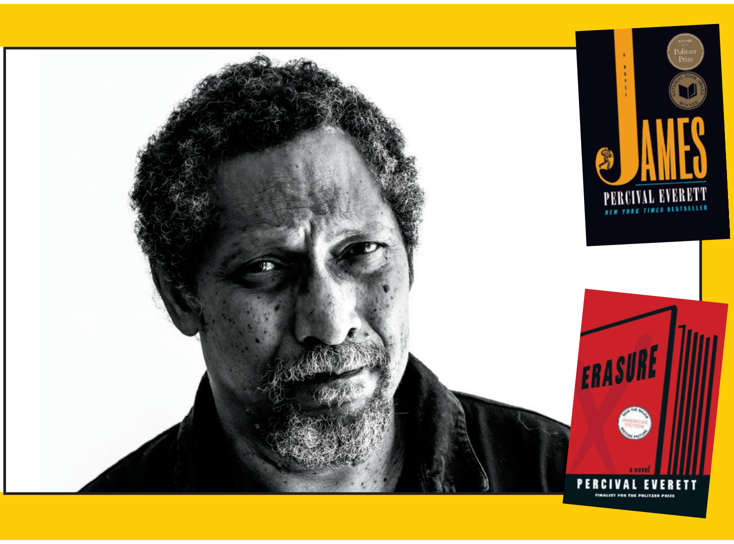
This program will not be shown in person at the library.

BEYOND THE PAGE WITH PERCIVAL EVERETT

Thu, Mar 19 • 7–8pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

Industrious, irreverent, humble—though he may deny the accusation—Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award, and his 2001 novel *Erasure* inspired the film *American Fiction*, which received the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2024. Tune in for our conversation with Percival Everett to get a glimpse beyond the page.

This program will not be shown in person at the library.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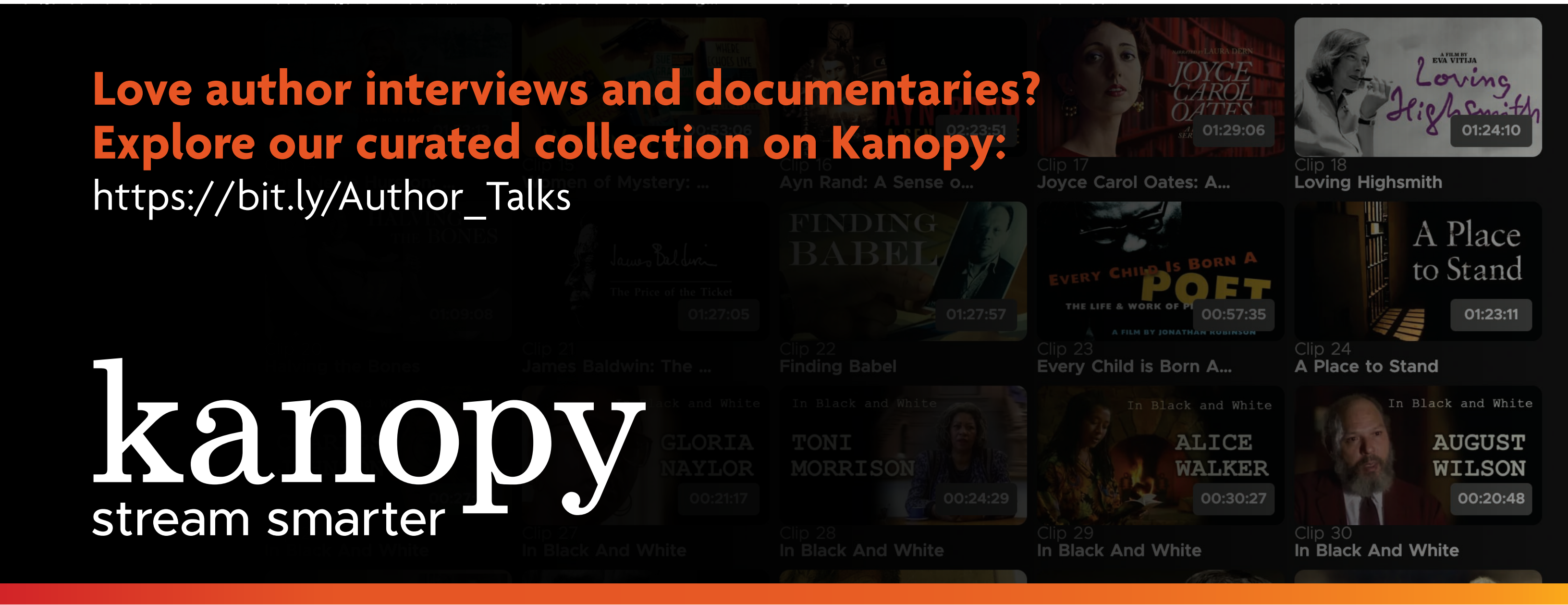
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ONE BOOK • O

The annual Lincolnwood Reads Reading Program invites our community to come together through How to Read a Book by Monica Wood, a novel that explores how reading and shared stories can foster connection, growth, and new beginnings.

Together, we'll close the book with a deeper understanding of second chances, connection, and the simple joy of reading together.

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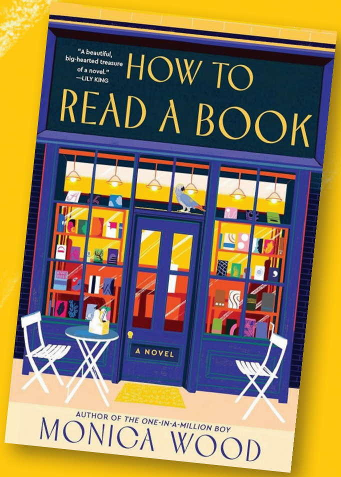
THE BOOK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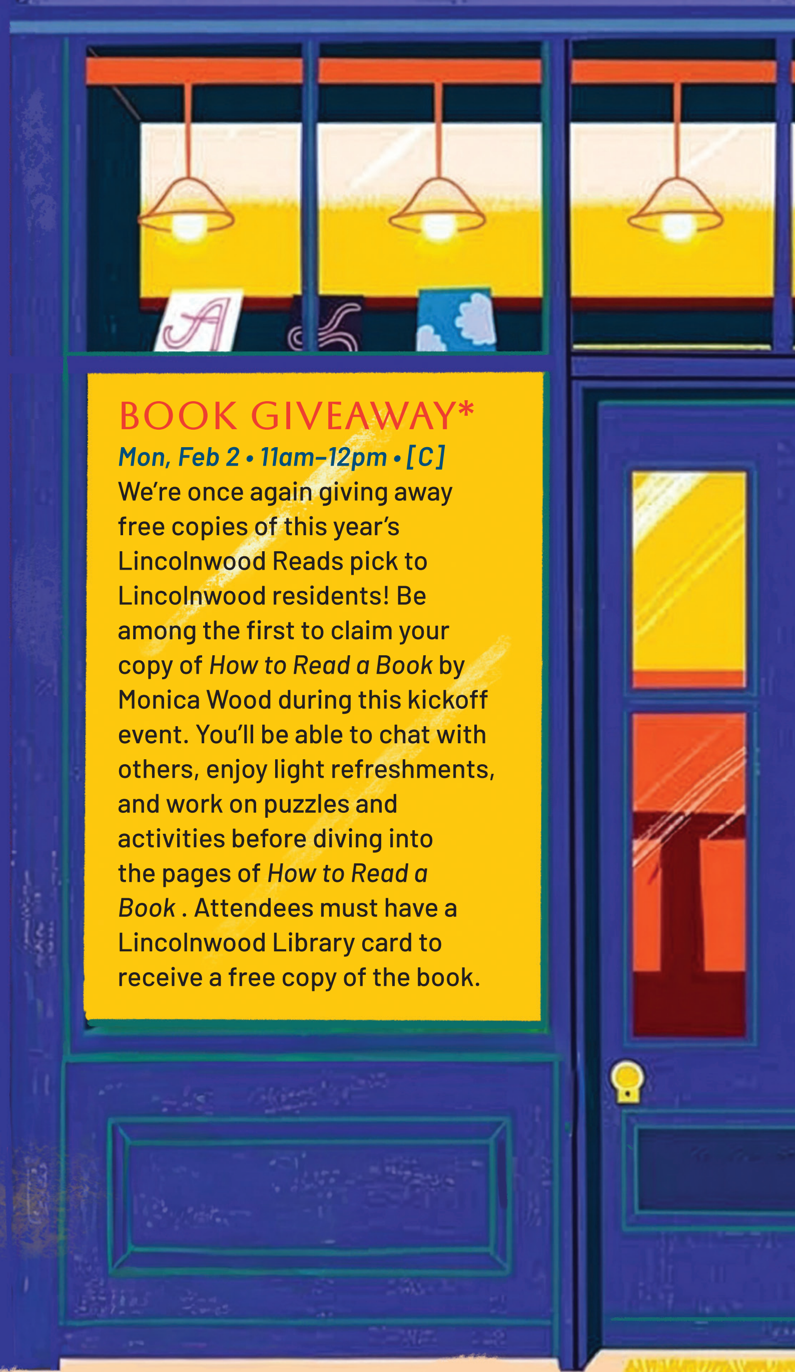
How to Read a Book is a heartwarming story of forgiveness, overcoming assumptions, and the love of reading. Our three main characters, Harriet, Violet, and Frank, come together in unexpected ways and under surprising circumstances, learning about themselves and each other along the way. This novel takes difficult subjects like grief, incarceration, and trauma, and meets them with the things that help us most: friendship, understanding, and second chances.

BOOK GIVEAWAY*

Mon, Feb 2 • 11am–12pm • [C]

We're once again giving away free copies of this year's Lincolnwood Reads pick to Lincolnwood residents! Be among the first to claim your copy of *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood during this kickoff event. You'll be able to chat with others, enjoy light refreshments, and work on puzzles and activities before diving into the pages of *How to Read a Book* . Attendees must have a Lincolnwood Library card to receive a free copy of the book.



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2026
LINCOLNWOOD
READS

PRIZES

After reading the book, fill out and turn in the bottom portion of the Completion Bookmark to the Adult Services desk by April 4 to claim your tote bag and commemorative enamel pin!

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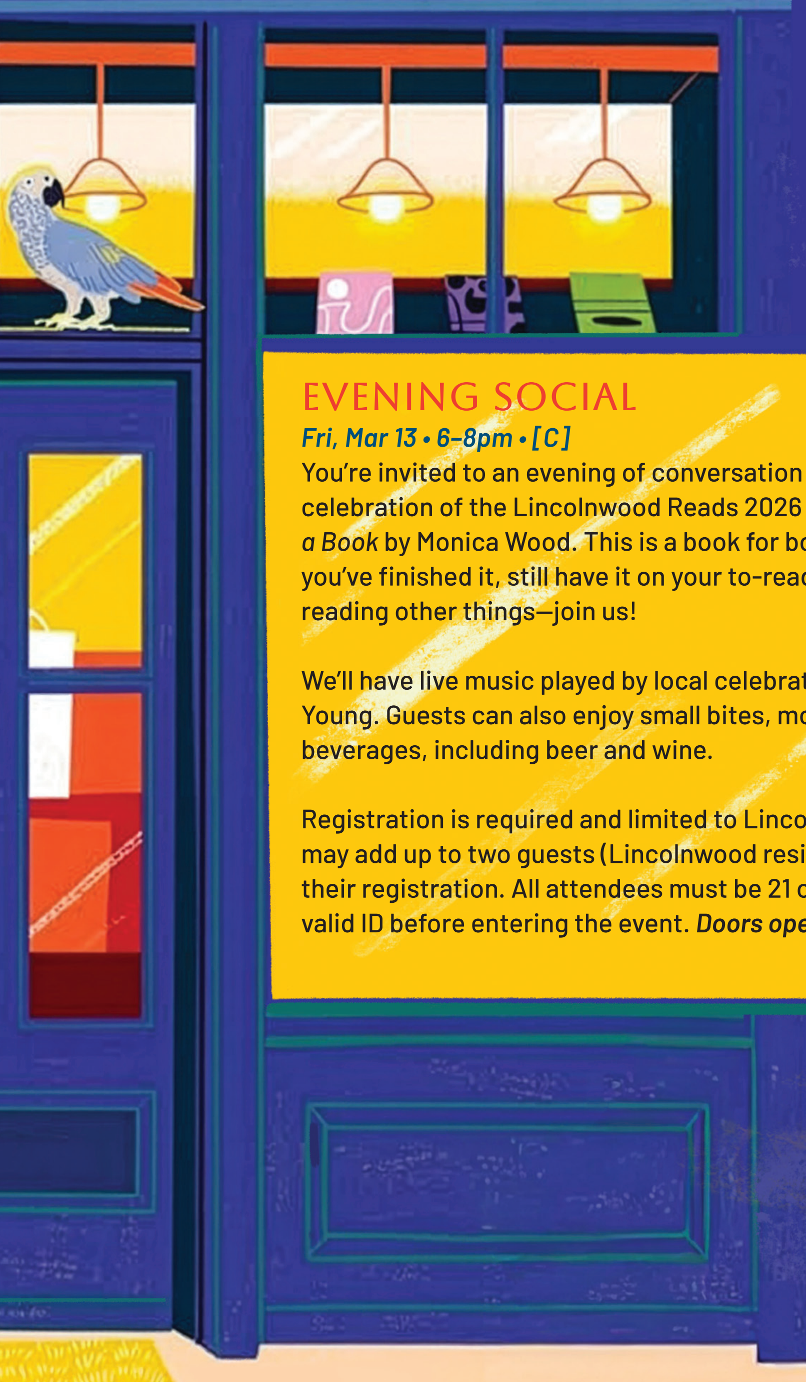

AUTHOR TALK WITH MONICA WOOD

Tue, Mar 17 • 7–8pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

Meet Monica Wood—author of *How to Read a Book*—from the comfort of your own home! Join us on Zoom for an engaging discussion about this year's Lincolnwood Reads pick, exploring its heartfelt themes of redemption and second chances. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the author and join the community conversation.

EVENING SOCIAL

21+

Fri, Mar 13 • 6–8pm • [C]

You're invited to an evening of conversation and mingling in celebration of the Lincolnwood Reads 2026 selection, *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. This is a book for book lovers, so whether you've finished it, still have it on your to-read list, or have been busy reading other things—join us!

We'll have live music played by local celebrated harpist Nichole Young. Guests can also enjoy small bites, mocktails, and alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine.

Registration is required and limited to Lincolnwood residents, who may add up to two guests (Lincolnwood residence not required) to their registration. All attendees must be 21 or older and provide a valid ID before entering the event. ***Doors open at 6:00pm.***

Look for this symbol on other pages to find additional Lincolnwood Reads events.

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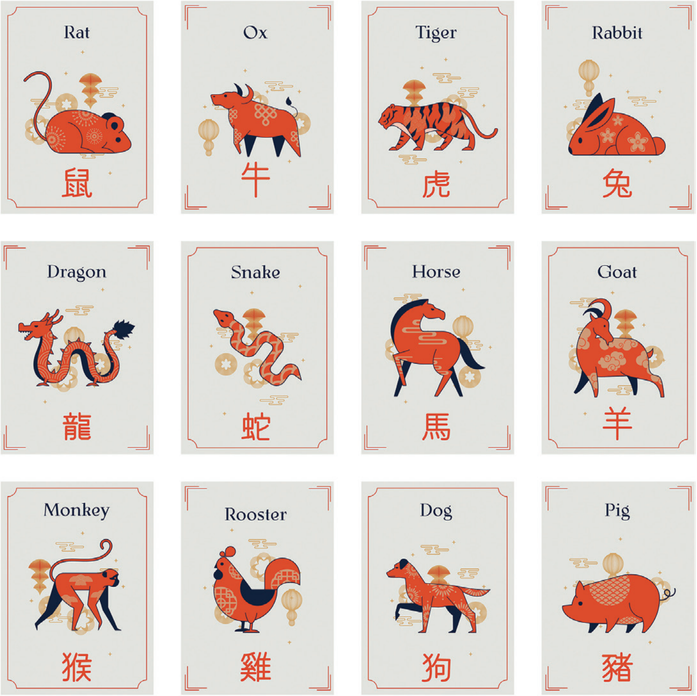


ANIMALS OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC AND YOU

Mon, Feb 9 • 6:30–8pm • [R]

Join presenter Yvonne Wolf for an enriching look at the Chinese zodiac as we prepare to welcome the Year of the Horse on February 17, 2026. Through stories, symbolism, and cultural traditions, you'll learn how the twelve zodiac animals guide timekeeping, relationships, and personal growth. Discover the spirited traits of the Horse and uncover the hidden qualities associated with your own zodiac animal.

IT'S TEA TIME IN EUROPE!

Tue, Feb 10 • 6:30–7:45pm • [C] 🍴

Experience the charm of European tea culture with Sarah Berto. Enjoy curated teas and traditional treats from Italy, France, and Germany while learning how each country brings its own history, customs, and flavors to the ritual of tea time.

SELLING YOUR HOME WITH CONFIDENCE

Wed, Feb 11 • 6:30–8pm • [R]

Thinking about selling your home? Join Dan Werdell of Guaranteed Rate Mortgage for a practical session on the home-selling process. From preparing your home for the market to understanding offers and closing, get expert tips to help you navigate the selling journey with confidence.

CHAIR YOGA AT HOME WITH JOAN

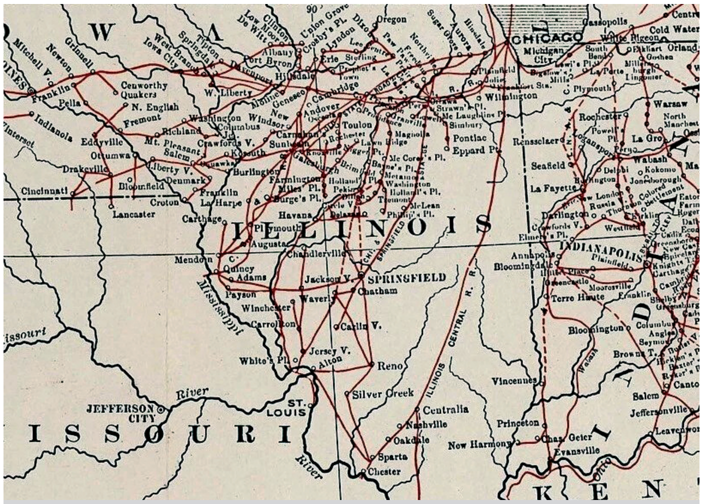
Thu, Feb 12, Mar 12 • 6:30–7:30pm • [Z]

Join us online for a relaxing chair yoga session led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee. From the comfort of home, you'll practice simple seated poses that support wellness, balance, and peace of mind. Perfect for all levels—no special equipment needed.

ECHOES OF AFRICA: ART AND FOLKTALES

Thu, Feb 12 • 7–8pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

Let's celebrate Black History Month with a vibrant program of storytelling, music, and cultural traditions led by Kenyan educator and storyteller Elizabeth Kahura. Elizabeth will guide us through Africa's rich heritage using storytelling, poetry, proverbs, and riddles that inspire values like kindness, patience, and hard work. She will explore traditional folktales, fables, and myths alongside arts and crafts, wood carvings, handmade instruments, clothing, jewelry, and cultural artifacts. This program showcases the history, resilience, and creativity of African communities, honoring their traditions and talents. *In partnership with multiple area libraries.*



THE NETWORK TO FREEDOM: EXPLORING THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN ILLINOIS

Tue, Feb 17 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Join Eric Krupa, Archivist at the St. Charles History Museum, for an illuminating look at Illinois' significant role in the Underground Railroad. Krupa will also introduce the Illinois Network to Freedom Collective, a new initiative dedicated to uncovering and preserving the state's Underground Railroad history.

RESTORATIVE SLEEP

Wed, Feb 18 • 7-8pm • [R]

Join wellness expert Debbie Friend for an informative session exploring why sleep is essential for your health and wellbeing. Learn what happens during each stage of sleep, how sleep quality affects daily functioning, and practical strategies for improving your nightly rest. Topics include insomnia, sleep apnea, sleep disruptors, and tips for building healthier sleep habits.

GENTLE MOVES FOR STRENGTH & STABILITY

Thu, Feb 19, Mar 19 • 10am–11am • [R]

This gentle movement class is designed to help adults improve mobility, balance, and body awareness. Participants will be guided through light exercises that focus on activating key muscle groups while relaxing others, helping to build better control and coordination for everyday movement. Participants must bring their own yoga mat or a beach towel. Wear comfy clothes and shoes!

ACADEMY AWARD CONTEST

Sun, Feb 22–Sun, Mar 15

Calling all movie lovers! Starting on Sunday, February 22, look for Academy Award Contest entry forms at the Adult Services Desk. Check off your predictions from this year's Oscar-nominated films. The entry with the most correct answers will be eligible to win a $50 AMC gift card. In the event of a tie, the prize will be awarded by means of a random drawing. Stop by the Adult Services Desk for more details.

THE HISTORY OF SIMON & GARFUNKEL

Wed, Feb 25 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Join music historian Gary Wenstrup for an engaging look at the legendary duo Simon & Garfunkel. Through curated audio and visual clips, Wenstrup traces their journey from the early hit "Hey Schoolgirl" to iconic classics like "The Sound of Silence," "Mrs. Robinson," and "Bridge Over Troubled Water," highlighting the harmonies and songwriting that shaped a generation.

EASY DOES IT YOGA AT HOME WITH JOAN

Thu, Feb 26, Mar 26 • 6:30–7:30pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

Join certified yoga instructor Joan McGee from the comfort of your home for a relaxing Zoom session focused on improving flexibility, concentration, and strength—while boosting your mood and reducing stress. All experience levels are welcome. Grab your yoga mat or towel, get comfy, and log in for a peaceful practice.

HEALING WITH BOOKS

Tue, Mar 3 • 6:30–7:30pm • [Z] Live on Zoom

Discover the modern history of book therapy in this engaging virtual presentation with historian Mary Mahoney. Explore how readers—from Elvis Presley to Oprah's Book Club audiences—have used books for comfort, clarity, and healing. This online program also invites you to reflect on the powerful role reading plays in your own life.

GEMS OF IRELAND: A LINCOLNWOOD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Sun, Mar 8 • 3–4pm • [R]

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a concert featuring Irish composers and music celebrating the Emerald Isle! The program will include works by Gustav Holst, Victor Herbert, Percy Grainger, Frank Bridge, John Field, and Charles Villers Stanford.

TALKING FEATHERS—LIFE INSIDE A PARROT RESCUE

Sat, Mar 21 • 11am–12:30pm • [R]

Join A Refuge for Saving the Wildlife for an inspiring look into the world of rescue parrots. Discover how these intelligent, social birds find new beginnings through the care and dedication of volunteers. Learn about their unique personalities, challenges, and the lifelong bonds they form—with a chance to meet a few feathered friends in person!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH HERSTORY: TRAILBLAZING FEMALE FIRSTS

Sun, Mar 22 • 2–3pm • [R]

Celebrate Women's History Month with Chicago cabaret artists Catherine Thomson and Anita Kallen in *HERstory: Trailblazing Female Firsts*. Through songs by Harold Arlen, Stephen Schwartz, Dolly Parton, Tom Lehrer, Kander & Ebb, Sara Bareilles, and more, they shine a spotlight on the women who boldly defied expectations and changed history. Enjoy inspiring stories, dynamic performances, and a musical tribute to the trailblazers who paved the way.

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Ages 5+

Step into the magic with Musical Bingo: Disney Edition! Match your bingo card to iconic Disney songs, win fun prizes, and enjoy a whimsical, music-filled event that's great for families, friends, and Disney lovers of all ages.

FEMININE FOOTPRINTS: STORIES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS

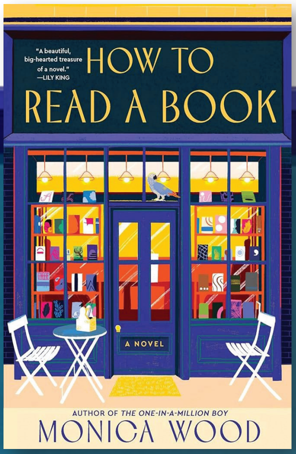
Tue, Mar 31 • 6:30–7:30pm • [R]

Join presenter Carolyn Armenta Davis for *Feminine Footprints*, a powerful look at ten groundbreaking African American women whose achievements helped shape history. Drawn from her award-winning 1976 network radio series profiling 65 Black women trailblazers, this program highlights the courage, creativity, and lasting impact of these inspiring pioneers.

NAVIGATING NEWS MEDIA WITH MICHAEL SPIKES

Tue, Mar 31 • 7–8pm • [Z]

Join us for a virtual session of the Civic Empowerment Series 2026, presented in partnership with Schaumburg Public Library and other area libraries. Dr. Michael A. Spikes of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism will explain how today's media landscape—shaped by social platforms, mixed information sources, and AI-generated content—can make it difficult to know what to trust. Learn practical strategies for evaluating credibility and building a reliable set of news sources you can use with confidence.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HOW TO READ A BOOK
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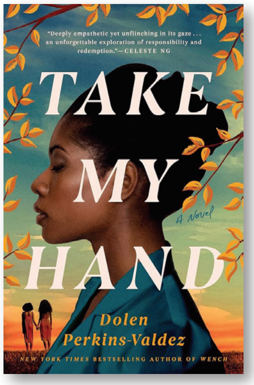
HOW TO READ A BOOK BY MONICA WOOD

Mon, Feb 16 • 7-8pm • [R][H] or Mon, Mar 9 • 11am–12pm • [R

Join us in reading this year's Lincolnwood Reads selection, a friendship under some of the most difficult circumstances. E

MONDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

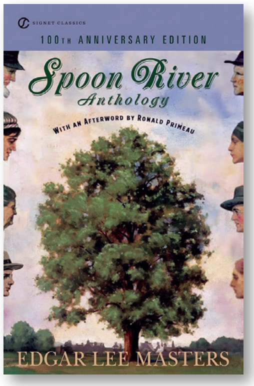


TAKE MY HAND
BY DOLEN PERKINS-VALDEZ

Mon, Feb 9 • 11am–12pm • [R][H]

Set in 1970s Alabama, *Take My Hand* tells the story of a nurse who becomes entangled in a devastating violation of her young patients' rights. Her journey forces her to confront racism, medical inequity, and her own moral obligations. *New members always welcome!*

BOOKS IN THE WOODS



SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY
BY EDGAR LEE MASTERS

Mon, Mar 16 • 7–8pm • [R][H]

This unique classic of narrative poetry is a connecting thread throughout *How to Read a Book*, standing out as the characters' favorite book club pick. We'll read it for ourselves and discuss why it plays such a big role in our Lincolnwood Reads novel. *New members always welcome!*

OK DISCUSSIONS

[H]

n story of finding hope, growth, and

Bonus: there are talking parrots!

***PLEASE NOTE:** We want everyone to have the chance to enjoy our programs so if you are more than 10 minutes late, your spot may be offered to someone on the waitlist.*

CREATE

KNITTING SOCIAL CIRCLE

Wednesdays • 11am–12:30pm • [D]

Share tips and show off your work with needle-art enthusiasts.

EAT • CRAFT • WATCH

Thu, Feb 5, Mar 5 • 6:30–9pm • [D]

Calling all crafters! Gather together over snacks, movies, and dedicated time for creating what you love. We'll decide as a group what to watch while enjoying each other's company and working on our own projects. As long as you can get your supplies through the door, your craft is welcome.

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

Wed, Mar 11 • 6:30–8pm • [C]

Enjoy a hands-on flower arranging workshop led by Jessica from Anemone Floral. Discover simple design techniques, explore seasonal blooms, and bring home a stunning arrangement you create yourself.

COPTIC STITCH BOOK BINDING

Wed, Mar 18 • 6–8:30pm • [C]

Join us for a Coptic stitch bookbinding workshop inspired by *How to Read a Book*. Led by Jamie Thome of the Evanston Art Center, this session will teach you how to craft a beautifully bound journal—an ideal companion for your reading journey and a celebration of the book as an art form. *This workshop is generously sponsored by the Evanston Art Center.*

BOOKISH CROSS STITCH

Wed, Mar 25 • 6:30–8pm • [C]

Celebrate your love of books by stitching a stack! Learn the basics of how to cross stitch, and spend some time working on your project with fellow book lovers. You'll get to take the provided supplies home to finish the piece in your own time.

GATHER

LINCOLNWOOD WRITES: WRITING CLUB

Wed, Feb 4 & Wed, Mar 4 • 7–9pm • [R][H]

Whether you're writing for fun or to be published someday, foster your creativity with like-minded authors in this monthly group. Bring in original work to be read aloud and get constructive feedback from your peers. Ages high school and up.

AFTERNOON SCRABBLE!

Thu, Feb 19 & Thu, Mar 19 • 1–3pm • [R]

Join us for a fun and friendly game of Scrabble at the Library! Whether you're a seasoned wordsmith or a beginner, all experience levels are welcome. We'll provide the space and the game—just bring your love of words! Come with friends or meet new ones as you strategize, spell, and score big.

MAH JONGG

Tuesdays • 1–3pm • [D]

Meet other enthusiasts and play the Chinese tile-based game of Mah Jongg. Beginners welcome.

There will be no Mah Jongg on Tuesday, Mar 17, due to the library serving as a polling location.

TECH

IPHONE & IPAD CLUB

Fri, Feb 27 & Fri, Mar 27 • 1–2:30pm • [R]

Bring your iPhone and iPad to meet fellow Apple users and learn to do more with your device.

TECH TOOLS FOR BOOK READERS

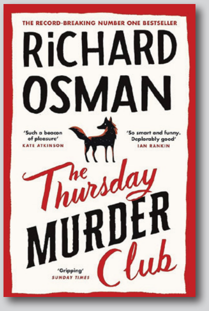
Fri, Feb 13 • 2–3pm • [R]

You know how to read a book . . . but what about keeping up with the books you want to read? The ones you've already finished? Finding new ones? This session will introduce you to the popular book lovers' site Goodreads and the book discovery database NoveList.

CANVA MAKER WORKSHOP: FLYERS

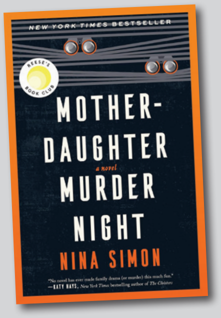
Thu, Mar 5 • 6:30–8pm • [R]

Learn to use Canva templates to customize and make a standard letter-size flyer. If you're new to Canva, arrive by 6:30pm for a brief introduction and free account setup. Flyer instructions and hands-on time for designing the flyers will begin at 7:00pm—frequent Canva users are welcome to arrive then.

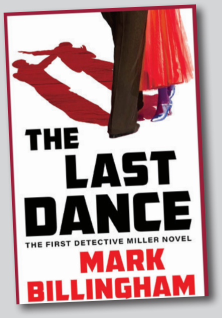

RICHARD OSMAN
The Thursday MURDER Club

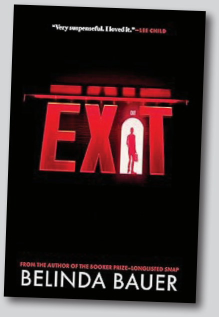
LOVED THE *THURSDAY MURDER CLUB*?

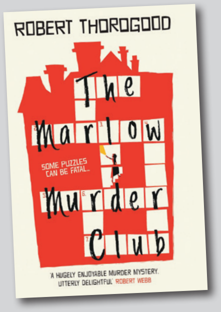
If last year's Lincolnwood Reads title kept you turning pages, try finding your next great read with **NoveList**, a free tool that helps you discover read-alikes based on your favorite books and authors. Want to learn how to use it? Join us for *Tech Tools for Book Readers* on Friday, February 13 to explore **NoveList** and more.

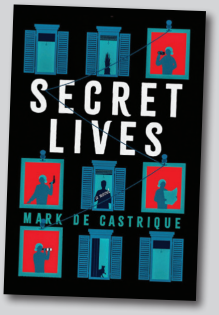

MOTHER-DAUGHTER MURDER NIGHT
NINA SIMON

THE RETIREMENT PLAN
SUE HINCENBERGS


THE LAST DANCE
MARK BILLINGHAM


EXIT
BELINDA BAUER

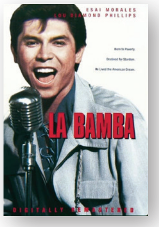

ROBERT THOROGOOD
The Marlow Murder Club


SECRET LIVES
MARK DE CASTRIQUE

MONDAY MATINEES

Enjoy great films at your library every Monday! Doors open at 12:45pm.

FEBRUARY



LA BAMBA (1987)

Mon, Feb 2 • 1–3pm • PG-13, 108 mins • [D]
A biography of Ritchie Valens, the young rocker who died in a 1959 plane crash with Buddy Holly and the Big Bopper.

SPRINGSTEEN
DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE

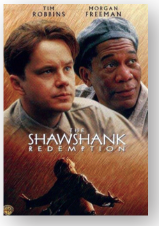
SPRINGSTEEN: DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE (2025)

Mon, Feb 9 • 1–3pm • PG-13, 119 mins • [D]
On the cusp of global superstardom, New Jersey rocker Bruce Springsteen struggles to reconcile the pressures of success with the ghosts of his past as he records the album *Nebraska* in the early 1980s.

ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER

ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER (2025)

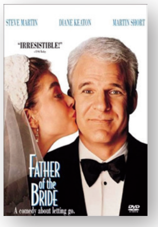
Mon, Feb 16 • 1–4pm • R, 161 mins • [D]
When their evil enemy resurfaces after 16 years, a group of ex-revolutionaries reunite to rescue one of their own daughters.



THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION (1994)

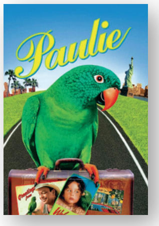
Mon, Feb 23 • 1–3:30pm • R, 142 mins • [D]
From a novella by best-selling author Stephen King comes a poignant tale of the human spirit. Red, serving a life sentence, and Andy, a mild-mannered banker wrongly convicted of murder, forge an unlikely bond that will span more than twenty years. Together they discover hope as the ultimate means of survival. Under horrifying conditions and the ever-present threat of violence, two lifers reclaim their souls and find freedom within their hearts.

MARCH



FATHER OF THE BRIDE (1991)

Mon, Mar 2 • 1–2:45pm • PG, 100 mins • [D]
In this remake of the 1950 comedy, a frazzled shoe executive tries to cope with the financial and emotional costs of his only daughter's impending marriage while also dealing with an eccentric wedding coordinator.



PAULIE (1998)

Mon, Mar 9 • 1–2:45pm • PG, 91 mins • [D]
A chatty parrot named Paulie recalls his search to find the little girl who first owned him and gets help from a kind janitor.

WICKED
FOR GOOD

WICKED: FOR GOOD (2025)

Mon, Mar 23 • 1–3:30pm • PG, 138 mins • [D]
Now demonized as the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba lives in exile in the Ozian forest, while Glinda resides at the palace in Emerald City, reveling in the perks of fame and popularity. As an angry mob rises against the Wicked Witch, she'll need to reunite with Glinda to transform herself, and all of Oz, for good.

THE LONG WALK

THE LONG WALK (2025)

Mon, Mar 30 • 1–3pm • R, 108 mins • [D]
In a dystopian near-future, 100 teenage boys must embark on an annual competitive test known as "The Long Walk." The rules are simple: maintain a speed above 4 miles per hour. Receive three warnings in an hour and you're shot dead. The last one walking gets whatever he wants for the rest of his life. Under these grim circumstances, the boys develop deep friendships despite knowing that each of their friends' survival is a threat to their own.

There will be no Monday Matinee on Monday, Mar 16, due to the library serving as a polling location.

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Visit the Adult Services Desk to browse seeds and learn more about how you can take seeds for your personal garden.